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Sponsored by the Oregon Health Improvement Plan (HIP) Committee Wednesday, May 26, 2010 Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization (IRCO) 10301 NE Glisan Portland, OR 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Meet HIP Committee members and others committed to promoting health in your communities. They want to hear and learn from you.

Participate in small group discussion to address these questions:

- What are the issues in your community that have the greatest impact on your health and that of others in the community?
- What is happening in your community that promotes health and supports a thriving community?
- What 3-5 changes in policy would make your community healthier and thrive?

Light refreshments will be served.

The committee is creating an action plan to improve the health of Oregonians, where they live, work, learn and play. It's about preventing chronic diseases, avoiding obesity and making healthy choices.

The committee functions under the direction of the Oregon Health Policy Board, a nine-member Board that provides guidance to the Oregon Health Authority, a new state agency created by House Bill 2009 in the Oregon 2009 legislative session (www.oregon.gov/oha).

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Film Portrays Obama's Early Years

Young actor fits the bill

(AP) -- Young Barry Obama is struggling with his pingpong shot.

Or rather, 12-year-old Hasan Faruq Ali is struggling to play lefthanded in imitation of the character he is portraying in a new Indonesian film, "Little Obama."

"Hasan has the walk, he has the posture of Barry," said Slamet Djanuadi, a consultant on the film and a childhood friend of President Barack Obama when he lived in Indonesia from 1967 to 1971.

"But Barry was a better pingpong player," he laughed, watching Hasan hit the ball off the table.

The movie, produced by Multivision Plus, Indonesia's largest production company, will premiere in Indonesia on June 17, the week of Obama's anticipated visit to the country. The president postponed a planned visit in March to push



Hasan Faruq Ali, 12 through health care legislation.

The film tells the story of Obama's childhood in Jakarta, where he lived with his mother and Indonesian stepfather from age 6 to 10.

"It's about his friendships, his hobbies, just a childhood story," said screenwriter and co-director Damien Dematra. "It's not about politics, it's just the story of a boy."

Hasan, who was born in America in Questa, New Mexico, but has lived in Indonesia since he was about 2 years old, was an obvious casting choice to play the young Obama. Fluent in English and the Indonesian language, and the son of a white mother and African American father, Hasan fit the bill.

Improving his pingpong game was his focus during breaks on the fifth day of filming, last week. Day four's challenge was boxing, a childhood pursuit the president has said he learned from his stepfather and one that Hasan, with three years of karate training, felt more comfortable with.

"It feels great to play Obama," the novice actor said with a grin. "I was shy about it at first and there are some new difficulties that you have to work to get over, with intense practice, like this," — gesturing toward the pingpong table on the lawn - "and just learning the lines, practicing the scenes.

Norman Sylvester Band --Boogie Cat Norman Sylvester and his band perform Saturday, May 29 at Nehalem Bay Winery; Fri-

day, June 11 at the West Linn Saloon; Saturday, June 12 at Holy Names Heritage Center; and Friday, June 18 at Clyde's.

Discount Admission -- OMSI visitors pay only \$2 per person for general admission on the first Sunday of each month as well as discounted admission of \$5 to the Planetarium, OMIMAX Theater and USS Blueback Submarine. The discounts are made possible by donations from the Spirit Mountain Community Fund, the Standard, and the Bank of America Charitable Foundation



Rose Festival Waterfront Village - The Rose Festival Waterfront Village opens Friday, beginning three weeks of fun with rides, entertainment, foods, a market and other activities at Tom McCall Waterfront Park, downtown.

Human Rights Film - 'Made in L.A.," a compelling,

humorous and deeply human story about immigration, the power of unity and the courage it takes to fine your voice, will be show free and open to the public on Thursday, May 27 at 5:30 a.m. at the Portland State Uni-



Student Union, Room 228.

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Pearson Air Museum's Open Cockpit Day -- Saturday, May 29,

from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. is the only day a year visitors can settle into the cockpit of some of the Vancouver airfield's vintage aircraft and see the planes from the pilot's perspective. Weather permitting, free airplane rides for kids on a first come, first serve basis. Regular museum admission applies.

Prehistoric Predators - Enormous dinosaurs with lifelike ferocity are represented in an exhibit that continues through Labor Day at the Oregon Zoo. Visitors will follow a trail through an ancient rain forest, sur-



rounded by the realistic animatronic creatures that roar, snarl and move.

Juneteenth Fundraiser -- Live entertainment, a fashion show and appetizers will highlight a kick-off fundraiser for the annual freedom celebration on Sunday, May 30 at 8 p.m. at the Curious Comedy Club, 5225 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. For more information, call Doris Rush at 503-605-8252.

Workshops Celebrate Sisterhood -- Community

residents are invited to join Portland author and activist S. Renee Mitchell and others during a series of workshops that will focus on women of color, healing and expression. The sessions are on Saturdays, through June 26, from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the



Healing Roots Center, 5432 N. Albina Ave. RSVP at 503-278-8280 or remeemitchellspeaks@yahoo.com.

Music Millennium Free Shows -- The Music Millennium, 3158 E. Burnside, hosts in-house live performances. Enjoy free music and the opportunity to meet artists. Call 503-231-8926 for a schedule.